



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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To: Community Development Block Grant Committee
From: Caroline Gregerson, CDBG Administrator
Date: 2/14/2018
Re: 2018 CDBG/HOME Allocation Guidelines and Funded Priorities

I. PRE-APPLICATION

All non-profit or non-City applications may only apply for funding if CDBG Administrator approves pre-application question responses. CDBG Administrator will approve of applicant's ability to apply for funds based on the following criteria:

1. Independently audited ever year
2. CDBG funds and Grant to be kept in a segregated account
3. Board of Directors that exercises fiscal and programmatic oversight
4. Conflict of interest statement
5. Drug-free workplace policy/non-discrimination in service policy
6. Written policies and procedures for their program
7. Staff paid with CDBG funds complete hourly timesheets and approved by a supervisor
8. Adopted procurement procedures (if CDBG funds will be used for items other than salaries)
9. Maintain individual case files with documentation of eligibility for beneficiaries

II. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

- There will be no public service applications reviewed this year. All were approved for a 2-year funding cycle last year.
- Applications will be ranked based on Committee and Administrative scores, once all funds have been allocated, the bottom tiered applications will not receive funding. If applications receive a cut in costs, the Committee shall identify what cuts in terms of level of service delivery can be expected.
- Only applications that meet one of the stated goals below will be accepted.

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III. Funding levels and priorities. (Contingent on final Congressional Approval)

Applications accepted for goals listed below.

2018-2019 FUNDING LEVELS
Neighborhood Revitalization
<p>1. Demolish dilapidated housing structures and replace with new, affordable housing.</p> <p>2. Repair aging housing infrastructure (Housing Rehabilitation) ****</p> <p>3. Improve livability, attractiveness, and safety through public infrastructure in target neighborhoods (Lower Northside, PPH, Washburn, and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas). <i>High Priority: Storm water captured through green infrastructure</i> <i>High Priority: Street lighting for target neighborhoods (Lower Northside, Corridors, Washburn, PPH) Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas).</i></p>
Affordable Housing
<p>4. Increase mixed-income or mixed-use, affordable rental housing for low-income families, minorities, and persons with disabilities.*** <i>High Priority: Permanent, supportive housing for the homeless</i> <i>This funding would be available only as a loan.</i></p>
Economic Development
<p>5. Increase economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.</p> <p>6. Support neighborhood-based businesses ***</p>
Total Available: \$380,000
Anti-Poverty Services
<p>7. Prevent and end homelessness in La Crosse.</p> <p>8. Alleviate poverty and increase self-reliance</p>
\$172,000 Already Committed for Public Service

*** Funded, through Revolving Loan, Not accepting new applicants

*** Funded through City SBDL Loan Program, Not accepting new applicants

*** \$210,000 to be funded through re-allocation of revolving loan funds

IV. Point Incentives

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1. Projects that have never been funded before.
2. High priority projects as identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.
 - B. **Public infrastructure:** lighting, storm water management, facility for the consolidation of several different types of non-profit services, neighborhood plan implementation
 - C. **Housing:** in-fill single family, housing for homeless, code enforcement, affordable rental housing
 - D. **Economic Development:** small business loans, infrastructure, commercial rehabilitation

V. Multi-Family Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Funding

City staff will release this call for proposals in summer/fall of 2017 again to pursue another Low-Income Tax Credit Project for La Crosse. This will be pending availability of revolving loan funds in Housing Rehabilitation and Small Business Development.

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